

## LOSES MILLION, WEARS A SMILE

Patten Not Perturbed by Worst-  
ing in Brush With  
Bears.

### RETIRES FROM BUSINESS

Famous Bull Quit Firm of Which  
He Has Long Been  
Member.

Chicago, May 25.—The private settlement of Theodore H. Waterman's squeeze in May wheat today caused a remarkable decline in prices. The unloading of 5,000,000 bushels of September wheat to James A. Patten and George H. Patten and the announcement of their withdrawal from the brokerage firm of which they have been members for a generation, and also their retirement, at least temporarily, from business, came coincidentally. Their retirement is effective July 1.

The net decline in prices ranged from 4 1/2 cents in September to more than 5 cents in May wheat. Altogether, the day in wheat was one destined to take rank with other momentous periods of the history of the Chicago Board of Trade.

James A. Patten left his office to-night wearing a smile. In his limousine, he had leisure to read headlines estimating his losses at anywhere between \$400,000 to \$1,200,000 for the day.

Asked if he had anything to say about the market, the speculator laughed and said: "Just say I don't know anything about the market."

Mr. Patten admitted that he had come out second best in a contest with the bears.

"Not many men could take it like that," remarked an admiring New York patron of the firm.

The status of neither the May nor the September options, despite today's developments, is understood with certainty. As to Patten, it is not known whether he and his brother George have disposed of all of their September holdings or still have a considerable amount awaiting a possible leader market.

Traders are assured that Theodore H. Waterman, the Albany miller, the leading long in May, has carried his deal through to a successful conclusion and forced the leading short interests to settle with him at his own price, believed to have been around \$1.04. Any effort to gauge his profits, however, is futile. A. J. Lichtenstein is said to have been the leading short in this option, but chiefly as agent for a big elevator concern.

Several cargoes of actual wheat were delivered to Waterman during the last ten days in an endeavor to break the market. The latter bent but it did not break. That a settlement had been effected became known today when a cargo of No. 1 Northern wheat, consigned to Chicago for delivery to Waterman, was diverted to Buffalo.

The extreme declines today were 7 1/2 cents in May and 5 cents in September. The close of May at \$1.05 1/4 and September at 93 cents was within a small fraction of the bottom.

**Tax on Near-Beer Increased.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, N. C., May 26.—At a called meeting of the Board of City Aldermen, held in the City Hall on last evening, it was decided to raise the tax on near-beer from \$100 to \$150 per year, and all the near-beer saloonkeepers will be required to pay this tax quarterly in advance. The new ordinance goes into effect June 1.

**Bids for Bonds Accepted.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, N. C., May 26.—The town commissioners, in executive session, opened bids for street improvement bonds today. All bids were laid over for future action. The board desires to make public the bids. The bonds are twenty-five-year 5 per cent, interest payable semi-annually.

**Sentenced for Highway Robbery.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Kingston, N. C., May 26.—In the Superior Court here today, J. H. Jones, a negro, was convicted of highway robbery and sentenced to ten years in the State prison. Jones was knocked down and robbed May 15 on a street of the city on December 21 last. True bill have been returned for three capital cases, two of murder in the first degree, and one for burglary.

**Injured Child May Recover.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Norfolk, Va., May 26.—In the case of the four-year-old son of Mrs. W. A. Sanderlin, of Behaven, N. C., the only seriously injured victim of the accident on the Norfolk and Southern passenger train near Hertford, on Wednesday, is reported to be improving at the St. Vincent's Hospital, and may recover. The attending surgeons declare that there are no serious symptoms of internal injuries.

**Bond Issue Defeated.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Manassas, Va., May 26.—In the municipal election held here today on the question of issuing \$20,000 bonds for water system, the bond issue lost by a vote of 45 to 15.

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## ROYAL BENEFIT'S LICENSE REVOKED

Fraternal Society Appeals to the  
State Corporation Commission.

### MANY MILITIA OFFICERS

Commissions Are Issued—Se-  
brell's Books Being  
Examined.

Revocation of license has been  
meted out by Insurance Commissioner  
Joseph Buttrick to the Royal Benefit  
Society of Washington, D. C. An ap-  
peal has been taken to the State Cor-  
poration Commission, and unless that  
tribunal reverses the decision of the  
commissioner, the society, which is a  
fraternal benefit concern, can no  
longer do business in Virginia.

Quite a number of members are en-  
rolled in this State, its lodges being  
for the most part in Northern Vir-  
ginia.

This action on the part of the de-  
partment follows a joint examination  
which was begun on April 1 by the  
insurance bureaus of Virginia and  
North Carolina. As the result, the  
North Carolina Insurance Commission  
had a hearing, and gave judgment, re-  
fusing to renew the license of the  
Royal Benefit Society. Later Commis-  
sioner Buttrick gave a hearing, at  
which Hill Montague appeared for the  
society, and which resulted in the Vir-  
ginia license, which was issued on  
January 1, being revoked. Mr. Mont-  
ague gave notice of an appeal.

Under the law, societies have a  
right of appeal first to the Corpora-  
tion Commission and then to the Su-  
preme Court.

**Crookedness Charged.**  
The president and treasurer of the  
Royal Benefit Society are said to be  
the same as the officials of the Ameri-  
can Home Circle, of Springfield, Ill.,  
which is being investigated by a  
grand jury at Rock Island, in that  
State. Funds to the amount of \$200-  
000 are alleged to have been misap-  
plied by these in charge of the Home  
Circle and of the Fraternal Tribunes  
of Rock Island.

The latter company has recently  
quit the insurance field. It has been  
asserted, as published in a telegram  
to The Times-Dispatch of Tuesday,  
that many death claims have been  
paid twice—once to the real benefici-  
aries and again to a ring of officials  
who organized the conspiracy to de-  
fraud the companies.

Among the men said to be involved  
are several well known politicians  
and a Federal official.

The exact nature of the revelations  
made in the examination of the Royal  
Benefit Society are not divulged.  
Commissioner Buttrick preferring not  
to make statements, pending the ap-  
peal.

### OFFICERS COMMISSIONED

Many Commanders Get Official Papers  
From Adjutant-General.

Many formal commissions were is-  
sued yesterday by the Adjutant Gen-  
eral to officers who have been previ-

## MAN WHO WAS ACQUITTED OF MURDER AND JUDGES WHO TRIED HIS CASE



WILLIAM SEYLER,  
on the right, and  
SHERIFF JOHNSON

On Wednesday William Seyler was  
declared guiltless of the murder of  
Jane Adams, whose dead body was  
found near the Million Dollar Pier at  
Atlantic City.

Jerusalem Magisterial District, in that  
county, against whom charges were  
recently preferred before the State  
Board of Education.

### Virginians at the Hotels

Murphy's—Floyd E. Cunyngnam,  
Black Mountain; C. E. Jones and fam-  
ily, Carysbrook; H. Tucker, Graham,  
Hamden-Sidney; Morgan Treat, West  
Point; T. O. Sandy, Burkeville; F.  
Dennis, Newport News; C. E. Kirby,  
Culpeper; W. T. Carter, Danville; Mr.  
and Mrs. S. W. Reynolds, Hampton;  
John D. Oglesby, Lynchburg; Mr. and  
Mrs. C. E. Anderson, Danville; Mr. and  
Mrs. J. B. Bray, Wakeham; J. G. Per-  
neyhough, Burkeville; E. H. Kabler,  
Bristol; R. C. Blankenship, Naruna;  
Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Roberts, Chase  
City; Harry Hothelmer, Norfolk; L.  
H. Rainey, Lawrenceville; E. P. Buford,  
Lawrenceville; G. L. Kite, Farmville;  
E. R. Booker, Farmville; James S.  
Wilson, Williamsburg; Thomas L.  
Wilson, University of Virginia; Mr.  
and Mrs. L. P. Stearnes, Newport  
News; Fred Gerber, Crewe.

Park—F. D. Sexton, Buchanan; John  
Sherman, Phoebus.

Richmond—E. C. Sawyer, Norfolk;  
S. M. Bravett, Norfolk; J. W. Mon-  
tague, Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. John O.  
Watkins, South Boston; G. O. Lee,  
Lynchburg; C. G. Mason, Luray; J. T.  
Withers, Suffolk; R. L. Woodward,  
Suffolk; Mrs. H. M. Welsh, Leesburg;  
H. M. White, Dillwyn; W. I. Steele,  
Charlottesville; J. L. Hart, Farmville;  
J. E. Johnston, Farmville.

Davis—W. H. Lows, Norfolk; Mr.  
and Mrs. R. J. Brooks, Roanoke; W. L.  
Kirby, West Point; J. William Gouldin,  
Alps; E. G. Pitts, Central Point; J. D.  
Pitts, Smoots; W. S. Webb, Newport  
News; S. C. Waddill, Charles City.

Lexington—E. G. McGehee, Abilene;  
G. W. Funkhouser, Harrisonburg; John  
J. Westbrook, Danville; A. T. Johnson,  
Shirley; P. W. Grooley, Shirley; E. D.  
Lockery, Clarksville.

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### VOTE ON RAILROAD BILL COMES TO-DAY

(Continued From First Page.)

Bacon coming next cast his vote in the  
negative. All others voted for the pro-  
vision, and Mr. Bacon then changed his  
vote, rendering the verdict unani-  
mous. He took occasion to state, how-  
ever, that he had originally voted "no"  
because he did not favor the Jones por-  
tion of the amendment.

Presenting his amendment, striking  
out sections 13, 14, 15 and 17, which  
are broadly described as the capitali-  
zation provisions of the bill, Mr.  
Hughes pressed for an immediate vote,  
and the amendment was accepted.

In the course of the discussion the  
fact developed that practically all the  
Senators were opposed to the capitali-  
zation provisions.

When the Senate meets to-morrow  
the "Dolliver" amendment to prevent  
abuse of railroad capitalization, the La  
Follette amendment providing for the  
physical valuation of railroad property  
and the Newlands amendment provid-  
ing for national incorporation of  
railroads, will be the only subjects left  
for consideration. If long speeches can  
be eliminated there is no reason why  
a final vote on the bill should not be  
reached before the end of the day, as it  
is regarded as certain that all of  
these features will be rejected.

### BUILDING PERMITS

South Richmond Comes to Front With  
Plans for Brick Factory.

Building and rental permits were  
issued yesterday by Building Inspector Beck  
yesterday as follows:  
Susan Jones, to build a detached



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a week" and only because  
of quality.

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two-story frame dwelling on the south  
side of S Street, between Twenty-  
ninth and Thirtieth Streets, to cost  
\$733.

R. C. Nelson, to build a one-story  
brick factory on Seventh Street, be-  
tween Perry and McDonough Streets,  
South Richmond, to cost \$3,500.

James R. Vaughan, to repair frame  
dwelling 2400 R Street, to cost \$225.

E. Perkins, to repair frame dwell-  
ing 2207 Venable Street, to cost \$200.  
John Pryor, to repair brick store  
3 West Leigh Street, to cost \$300.

E. D. Starke, to repair brick store  
7 North Fourteenth Street, recently  
damaged by fire; to cost \$1,320.

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